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Transmitted herewith for filing is a Continuation Application of Prior Application No. 09/991,815.

Inventor: G. Randy Nicholson

For: METHOD OF CROSS-MARKETING UTILIZING ELECTRONIC COUPONS

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Request for Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1);
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment with Formal Drawings;
- ☒ Copy of Prior Application 09/991,815;
- ☒ Copy of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney; and
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$770.00 for the large entity filing fee.

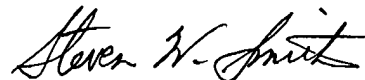
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)(1)**

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)(1) of pending prior Application No. 09/911,815 filed November 17, 2001 by G. Randy Nicholson for a "Method of Cross-Marketing Utilizing Electronic Coupons", which is a continuation of prior Application No. 09/253,275, now U.S. Patent No. 6,332,128, which claims priority from Provisional Application No. 60/093,813 filed July 23, 1998.

Prior Application

Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application, including the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney as originally filed. An Attorney's Declaration verifying that the attached patent application papers are a true copy of the originally filed papers is presented herewith.

Amendments

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the prior application.

Inventorship

With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. Application from which this continuation application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120, the inventor in this application is the same.

Power of Attorney

The power of attorney in the prior application is to Steven W. Smith, Registration No. 36,684. The power of attorney as originally filed appears in the original papers in the prior application, and a copy is enclosed.

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**ATTORNEY'S DECLARATION**

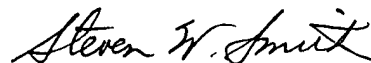
I, Steven W. Smith, the undersigned Attorney for Applicant, hereby verify that the attached patent application papers are a true copy of the prior application no. 09/911,815 filed November 17, 2001, and that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.

The copy of the papers of the prior application as filed, which are attached, contains the following:

21 pages of specification;  
10 pages of claims;  
1 page of abstract;  
6 sheets of drawings (informal); and  
3 pages of combined declaration and power of attorney.

The undersigned further declares that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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